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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: George H. HOFFMAN et al.

Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER  
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR A MACHINERY  
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT  
FRAMEWORK

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Group II (Claims 7-18), drawn to a system and computer program product for managing a machinery supply chain utilizing a network for prosecution in the subject application in order to advance the prosecution of this application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

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